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Customer No. 22,852 Attorney Docket No. 6530.0020-02

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In re Application of:

Brett HAARALA, et al.

) Group Art Unit: 3763

Serial No.: 09/690,473

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Filed: October 18, 2000

For: GUIDEWIRE COMPATIBLE PORT

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed is an Amendment responsive to the Office Action of December 28, 2001. The following item(s) are appropriate:

A claim fee is calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Α	dditional Fee
Total	31		20	11	x \$ 18	\$	198.00
Indep.	7	-	6	1	x \$ 84		84.00
First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s) +\$280							0
					Subtotal	\$	282.00
Reduction by ½ if small entity						-	0
						\$	282.00

A check for \$282.00 to cover the \$198.00 total claim fee and \$84.00 independent claim fee is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Dated: March 12, 2002

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AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated December 28, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

Please cancel claim 10, amend claims 11, 12, and 45, and add new claims 48-

--11. (Amended) An access port device to be implanted in a patient's

body, the access port device comprising:

a body portion having an upper body, a lower body attachable to

the upper body, and a self-sealing septum between the upper and lower bodies;

an outlet for fixedly attaching a catheter to the body portion; and

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IN THE CLAIMS:

59, as follows:















